

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently Amended) A method of treating hair comprising:

- i) applying a hair treatment composition comprising at least one oil agent and a solvent, and having a water content of 20 0 to 15 wt.% by weight or lower to dry hair;
- ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes: and
- iii) washing the hair treatment composition away
wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight.

2. (Original) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein the hair to which said hair treatment composition has been applied is covered so that a component of said hair treatment composition may not escape while being allowed to stand.

3. (Presently Amended) A method of treating hair comprising:

- i) applying a hair treatment composition comprising at least one oil agent and a solvent, and having a water content of 20 0 to 15 wt.% by weight or lower to dry hair;
- ii) warming the hair at a prescribed temperature for a prescribed period of time with the hair being covered; and
- iii) washing the hair treatment composition away,

wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight.

4. (Original) The method of treating hair according to claim 3, wherein said warming the hair is carried out at 35°C or higher for 3 minutes or longer.

5. (Original) The method of treating hair according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said warming the hair is carried out with a hair warming cap having heating parts.

Claim 6 (presently canceled)

7. (Presently amended) A preshampoo treatment composition comprising:

i) 0.5 to 50 % by weight of an oil agent:
ii) a solvent selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ alcohol, an aromatic alcohol
and a mixture thereof; and
iii) 0 to 20 15 wt.% of water.

8. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition has a water content of 0 to 10 wt.%.

9. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 0.5 to 50 wt.% of said oil agent.

10. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 1 to 25 wt.% of said oil agent.

11. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 3 to 99 wt.% of said solvent.

12. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 5 to 50 wt.% of said solvent.

13. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein a total proportion of said oil agent and said solvent in said composition is from 5.5 to 100 % by weight.

14. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein a total proportion of said oil agent and said solvent in said composition is from 10 to 70 % by weight.

15. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of ester oils, triglyceride oils, higher alcohols, hydrocarbon oils, silicone oils, vegetable oils, animal oils and a mixture thereof.

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16. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is an ester oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, octyl palmitate, cetyl palmitate, propylene glycol dicaprate, neopentyl glycol dicaprate, neopentyl glycol di(2-ethylhexanoate), isononyl isononanoate and a mixture thereof.

17. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is a triglyceride oil selected from the group consisting of glycerol tri(2-ethylhexanoate), glycerol tricaprate and a mixture thereof.

18. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is a higher alcohol selected from the group consisting of cetanol, myristyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol and a mixture thereof.

19. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane.

20. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is a liquid at ambient temperature and carries a hydroxyl group.

21. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates and N-methylpyrrolidone.

22. (New) The method of treating hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of behenyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, glycerol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene carbonate, N-methylpyrrolidone and a mixture thereof.

23. (New) The method of treating hair of claim 1, wherein said dry hair has a water content of 20 % by weight or less.